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LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on:

Japanese Application No. 2004-066548
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Certified copies of said application documents are attached hereto.

Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

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